

**DEVICE HAVING EMBEDDED SUPPLY
CONSUMPTION RATE TEST CAPABILITY**Abstract of the Invention:

A printer having an embedded marking agent yield test capability has a formatter, a control panel, a print engine module, and a memory module. The memory module stores a data file for printing a standard marking agent test page, and is linked to the control panel. The memory module is further linked to the print engine module via a linkage that bypasses the formatter. Standardized marking agent test pages can thereby be printed directly from the printer control panel while bypassing the formatter. This removes uncertainties and inconsistencies that were associated with marking agent testing of the prior art.